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OPENING ARGUMENTS in U.S. v. ATLANTIC STATES, et al.

Opening arguments are scheduled to begin tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 27, at approximately 9 a.m. in the case against Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe Co. of Phillipsburg, N.J. and several of its managers. The case is before U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper in the federal courthouse at 402 East State Street across from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection Building.

The company, a division of McWane, Inc. of Birmingham, Ala., and five of its managers were indicted on Dec. 15, 2003, charged with committing flagrant environmental abuses, including regular discharge of oil and paint into the Delaware River, and for maintaining a dangerous workplace that contributed to the death of one employee and the maining of numerous others.

Follow the appropriate links at www.njusao.org for the Dec. 15, 2003 indictment and original news release.

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